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## REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

### HE HIT THE ADMIRAL

Not long ago a lad in the British Navy, just a gob, he was, was courtmartialled on a charge of hitting a Vice Admiral.

Shortly thereafter an engineer mechanic, aged 18, in the same old British Navy, was courtmartialled for throwing his cap at a Commodore. The young man pleaded guilty. It seems that after the Commodore had completed an investigation of the young man's previous conduct, the Commodore ordered him to put his cap on.

Instead of putting on the cap, the lad flung it at the officer, striking the peak of the latter's cap.

The young man was sentenced to 12 months' detention. We've forgotten what the sentence imposed on the one who swatted the Vice Admiral was, but it was about the same, as we half-way remember it.

### THEY WERE KEELHAULED

Here's a question: In the days before labor unions, and before there was a powerful Labor Party in Britain, just what do you think would have happened to a youngster in the British Navy who hit a Vice Admiral, or to one who flung his cap in a rage at a Commodore?

Another question: Did you ever look up in the dictionary the definition of the word, keelhaul? Here it is:

"KEELHAUL. (Nautical) To haul under the keel of a ship as a punishment or mode of torture."

If you'd been just a little uppity in the presence of a gold-braid, or if he'd been drinking too much the night before and just imagined you were uppity, the officer had a rope run under the keel, had you fastened to one spot on the rope, and then you were dragged down through the water, hauled harshly against the keel, and up on the other side to breathe a minute or so before the process was repeated.

### KIDS UPPITY, BUT . . .

Another favorite stunt to preserve discipline and the honor of the Royal Navy was to trust you up with your arms outstretched, and your brother sailors under the officer's eye flog you so hard that you sometimes died.

We're not assuming that it is wise or civilized or of benefit to the human race for a gob to swat a Vice Admiral or to throw his cap at a Commodore. We even realize some of the difficulties of running a navy in wartime when young men from the "working class" are so little aware of the respect they owe to their "betters" that they'll pull such tricks.

But though it may be a little hard on the Vice Admirals and the Commodores, we do think it's a good thing that labor in Britain and in the U. S. is so well organized, and has such political strength, that keelhauling and flogging are a bit out of date. Don't forget, we used to have similar tortures for uppity lads in our own Navy and in our merchant marine, too, and now we don't.

## Carpenter's Apprentice In Arizona Gets Trip To Bay Area as Award

Arizona's outstanding apprentice, Ronald S. Brennan, 27, is vacationing in the San Francisco Bay Area on an expense-free trip provided by labor and management groups of that state. Brennan, a 4th year carpentry apprentice of Phoenix, was awarded the trip in a statewide competition for excellence throughout his apprenticeship and for cooperation by the Arizona Apprenticeship Council.

Hosts to Brennan while in San Francisco are William P. Kelly, Commissioner of the California Apprenticeship Council and Apprentice Coordinator of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters and representatives of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards and U. S. Bureau of Apprenticeship.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

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## Centerville Drug Store Unionizes

Walton's Owl-Rexall drug store at 106 Center Square, the new shopping center in Centerville, has signed up with the drug division of Food Clerks 870, Secretary-Treasurer Harris Wilkin of that union announces.

Allen Walton the proprietor is himself a registered pharmacist. He employs another registered pharmacist and 4 clerks. Both the pharmacist and the clerks now belong to Food Clerks 870.

Wilkin said that the store is a fine modern one, and suggested that AFL people living in the southern end of the county go in and trade there, since it is now a thoroughly union establishment. The proprietor, he said, showed a very friendly spirit during the negotiations.

## Ted Ahl Reports Morse Fight Keen

A terrific political battle is already raging in Oregon over U. S. Senator Wayne Morse, with the GOP pouring in money against the Senator and organized labor turning out manpower to support Morse in the 1956 election.

Ted Ahl, formerly an officer of Printing Specialties 382 here, and now secretary-treasurer of Portland Printing Specialties 387, told the Central Labor Council about it when present as a guest.

Ahl was accompanied by John Donovan, well known by many delegates, and by Don McConn of Los Angeles and Tom Smith of Seattle, all Printing Specialties men, and introduced by CLC President John F. Quinn.

## Ash on Committee for Geiger-City of Hope Testimonial Dinner

Sam Gold, president of the East Bay Auxiliary, City of Hope, has written Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash thanking him for consenting to serve on the executive committee arranging the testimonial dinner for Dr. Jacob C. Geiger, the retiring Chief Health Officer of Oakland.

Gold adds: "Will you kindly contact the members of the AFL asking them to pay honor to Dr. Geiger by attending this auspicious occasion?"

The dinner will be held Sunday, October 23, at the Hotel Leamington.

## Hoberg of Typo 36 Killed in a Crash

F. E. J. Hoberg, a member of Typographical 36 for over 30 years, was killed Tuesday morning in a head-on collision near Winnemucca, Nevada, Secretary John W. Austin of Local 36 was informed by telephone.

Mrs. Hoberg was seriously injured.

SENIOR CITIZENS Activity Center, Temple Beth El Building, Vine and Arch streets, Berkeley, next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## AFL'S ASH TO ATTEND CIO DIAS' MEETING

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week Secretary Robert S. Ash read out an invitation extended to him by State CIO President Manuel Dias to attend as a guest a meeting of the CIO State Executive Board at the Hotel Leamington Tuesday, September 27.

"Referred to the secretary," ruled CLC President John F. Quinn from the chair, meaning that it was accepted as a matter of course that an AFL official should attend a CIO meeting.

Several delegates smiled, thinking how times are changing.

## Melvin Roots Is Made International Organizer For Plasterers Union

Melvin H. Roots of Plasterers 112 has been appointed an international organizer by General President John E. Rooney of the International Association of Plasterers and Cement Masons.

Roots entered apprenticeship to the trade in 1946 and became a journeyman in June of 1949. He was soon known as a crack-jack plasterer and rose rapidly in the union, becoming a vice-president of Local 112, member of the executive board, and president for two years.

Three years ago George Whitton, secretary-treasurer of the local, had the pleasure of nominating Roots as third vice president of the California Conference of Plasterers & Cement Masons. At the present time, Roots is president of that group, but now that he has been appointed an international organizer he is required to resign that position, and so will not have the experience of presiding over the conference in San Francisco next year.

Roots resides at 261 Leland Way, Concord, with his wife and two sons, aged 9 and 3½. The territory he will cover as international organizer includes California, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.

TOWNSEND CLUB DAY was observed recently at Weatherbee Hall, 3033 East 16th street, with a dinner and discussion led by Congressman George P. Miller, Oakland Mayor Cliff Rishell, and Oakland City Councilmen Glenn Hoover and John W. Holmdahl.

## SEBASTOPOL STORY ON KGO-TV SUNDAY MORNING

"The Sebastopol Story a very human account of the apple cannery strike," will be shown on KGO-TV Channel 7, Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m.

Peter Andrade, director, Teamsters Western Cannery Council, said that the program has been very carefully prepared to bring out clearly the story of the great struggle that is going on in Sonoma county, and he hoped all unionists in Alameda county would try to see it.

The consumers' boycott of Sebastopol apple products continues.

## Oakland, Alameda City Dads Rapped

Oakland authorities came in for some raps at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week.

Secretary Robert S. Ash referred casually to the "stagnation" with which the Oakland city authorities were failing to keep up with recommendations of the Urban Renewal Citizens Committee, of which Ash is a member.

George Rice, Electricians 1245, spoke of the "something less than great acclaim" with which members of his local greeted the wage advances granted by Oakland. He said that the advances failed to bring them up to the parity with other workers in the trade which they had asked for.

"Instead of getting \$55 we got from \$10 to \$15," he said.

But Alameda city authorities came in for criticism also. Rice said that in that city where members of his union had asked for 8% they came out with 3%. This amounted to only 7 cents an hour for the highest classification.

Rice in making his statement under "Report of Unions" added that the local's educational department was arranging for an October 1-2 session on the Berkeley campus of UC to be attended by some 125 shop stewards and executive board members from all parts of the PG&E territory served by the PG&E. That utility's workers belong to Local 1245.

## Typo Progressives To Meet With Hurd

The Northern California Progressive Club of the International Typographical Union is planning two affairs for October, Roy Heinrichs, secretary of the club, announces.

At 8 a.m. Sunday, October 2, there will be a breakfast meeting for all members of the Progressive Club at Hacienda Motel, Fresno, with a business session and election of officers.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, October 8, there will be a meeting at Hotel Leamington especially for officers of local unions in the Northern California area and for delegates to the recent ITU convention in Boston. International Secretary Don Hurd will be present, as he is spending October 8 and 9 in his old home town of Oakland.

The meeting will be followed by a buffet dinner at the hotel at 6 p.m. for all members of Northern California locals; and at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, there will be an open forum for all Progressives in the ITU in Northern California to discuss ITU policies. There will be a question and answer period, with Secretary Hurd explaining any details of finances or other matters about which questions are brought up.

ROY F. WALKER, representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and former vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, died of a heart attack in Eureka where he served as a representative of the Carpenters' International with the Redwood District Council. He was 40.

## German & Malayan Labor Unionists Visit in East Bay

A glimpse of the different problems labor faces in different countries was given this week when Oakland was visited by two guests of the Department of State who are touring the U. S. to study our trade unions and economic conditions.

One was P. Gurnam Singh Gill, president of the National Union of Transport Workers in Malaya.

The other was Miss Ingeborg Sommer, secretary for industrial women's affairs in the Trade Union Federation of West Germany.

Gill is a Sikh, the sect famous for producing wonderful soldiers. Born in India, he was taken to Malaya when a child of two. He is a member of Malayan Labor Party, the opposition to the coalition now ruling Malaya under the leadership of Tunku Abdul Rahman, first minister of Malaya under the British Crown.

The ruling coalition is made up of three racial or "communal" groups, organized separately but combining to win political power. One group is Chinese, another Indian, and a third Malayan. Gill says that about 43% of the population of the country is Chinese, about 7% Indian, and about 50% native Malayan.

In Gill's own union 70% of the members are Chinese 15% Malayan, and 15% Indian. Most of the union officials are Indian. Gill himself as a Sikh is of course considered an Indian.

The ideal of the Malayan Labor Party is to forget the racial or communal and religious angles and have all united as Malaysians for the good of the poor, that is, the labor people, and the country as a whole.

Transport is all motorized, and the drivers work very long hours. The Government through a system of registering the unions keeps a close eye on their books and all details of their operations.

Miss Sommer is a member of the big industrial union in West Germany which includes all printing and publishing workers, printers, pressmen, stereotypers, editorial workers, etc. She edits trade union publications.

"In Germany we say that Americans work to live," she remarked, "but that we Germans must live to work."

She pointed out that after the war the German workers felt that they mustn't rock the boat, that they'd better be patient about wages and conditions, and cooperate with management to get things going again.

In the larger industries they have managed to establish a co-management system, that is, workers are represented on the board of the company, but this does not prevail in the smaller industries.

The Adenauer Government is considered pretty conservative by the workers, and the law that governs the election of shop stewards prevents a union from establishing anything like a closed shop. Everyone who works in the plant can vote in the shop steward elections, and often the steward who is elected is not a member of the union.

The law sets a 48-hour week, but many of the workers do their 55 or 60 hours a week, she said.

The Malayan and the German labor leaders had lunch at the Lazy Bones with Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, John W. Austin, secretary of Typographical 36, and John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs, U. S. Industrial Relations Institute.

Miss Sommer was greatly pleased to have an opportunity to talk on the phone with Eddie Fuss, formerly of Reutlingen, Germany, now a member of Typo 36 and employed at the Harrington McInnis plant here. Eddie Fuss was so pleased and flustered to talk with a labor woman from the homeland that he temporarily forgot his English, so talked with her in the old language, although Miss Sommer had expected to practice her English.

## Upholsterers Walk Out in 12 Plants

Upholsterers 28 struck plants on both sides of the Bay Tuesday.

Roland Lane, business representative, said that some 320 workers at a dozen plants were involved. Production was shut down completely in all plants. CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash told that body Monday that the length of the proposed new contract was a major issue.

## AFL Boycott of Scab Apples And of Miami Beach Pressed

"Hotels and Apples" were on the agenda of the Central Labor Council this week.

1-HOTELS: Plans were discussed to continue the boycott of Miami Beach hotels, possibly of all Florida products. Also it was stated that the American Federation of Labor may be asked to offer to finance any costs the American Legion would incur if it transferred from Miami Beach to some city less hostile to unions.

2-APPLES: The delegates unanimously voted to appropriate \$1000 to push the boycott in Alameda county of apple products processed behind Teamster picket lines in Sebastopol, and a committee was appointed by President John F. Quinn to administer the boycott efforts here.

### MIAMI HOTELS

Secretary Robert S. Ash reported on meetings held under the leadership of AFL Organizer Gene DeCristofaro to discuss plans for the Miami Beach hotels boycott, and of a meeting to be held this week in Oakland on the same subject.

Presidents and secretaries of all Bay area central councils were invited by DeCristofaro to the meeting this week in Ash's office. At the earlier sessions in San Francisco, Ash said, it was suggested that all Florida products be boycotted on the ground that the reactionary State laws there, and the law officers, are being utilized to try to break the great strike of AFL culinary workers against the Miami Beach hotels.

Persons writing to National Commander Seaborn Collins of the American Legion requesting him to transfer the Legion's convention from Miami Beach to have begun to receive replies from Collins. The Legion head says that it would cost \$12,000 to hold a meeting of the executive board to make the decision, and that in addition \$150,000 had already been spent on preparations for the gigantic gathering, said to be the largest in the world.

## Vote for the Hayward School Bonds Oct. 11 Urged by BTC

The Building Trades Council this week went on record unanimously in support of the school bonds to be voted on in the Hayward district October 11. The resolution was introduced by Hayward Carpenters 1622.

The proposal is for \$900,000 local bonds, and for authorization to secure up to \$2,500,000 from the State school building fund. It is necessary to secure additional local and State funds to provide classrooms for at least 3000 additional pupils over the next 4-year period. The district must continue to be bonded to capacity to be eligible for additional State funds.

It was pointed out that the area is increasing its population so rapidly that unless the bonds carry at least 6000 children there would have to go on half-day sessions. There are now 309 new homes under construction and 1044 planned for immediate construction on filed subdivision maps.

### 7-HOUR DAY

President J. S. Miller said that all unions affiliated with the council should act promptly on the 7-hour day resolution recently adopted by the council. Whether or not a union is for making a drive for the 7-hour day, he said, the council should be notified promptly.

Miller's statement was made in connection with general discussion of the 7-hour day proposal.

Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal Workers 216, said that apparently this union would prefer a 4-day 32-hour week, so there would be no disturbance of the travel clause and other fringe benefits in the contract.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said the big job is to educate the membership of all unions to the need for the 7-hour day, and that all crafts would have to stick together on the issue.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that perhaps all the unions couldn't get the 7-hour day immediately, but that the basic principle to keep in mind, and that a strong educational campaign among all memberships was needed.

Jim Curry, Millwrights 102, said his union has adopted the 7-hour resolution unanimously, and he feels that the council should keep the San Francisco BTC informed on progress of the proposal here.

Ernie Mountain, Hayward Painters 1178, said that standardization of the number of holidays in contracts of affiliated unions was important. William Vandenhoogen, Brick-

## CLC Hears Meany's Speech; Groans As Knight Praised

A feature of the Central Labor Council meeting this week was the playing of a tape recording of the speech given by AFL President George Meany at the recent San Diego convention of the State Federation of Labor.

The speech was organized in four parts:

1-The legislative achievements of the State AFL in Sacramento this year, with praise for the work of Secretary C. J. Haggerty.

2-The struggle for world peace, the transition from the Cold War to the "Smiling War," and the comment that in some ways the present phase is even more full of danger than the former.

3-Problems of the labor movement in the U. S., with insistence that the "key to our economy is mass purchasing power," and that the main job of unionism is to maintain and improve that; with the comment to those who don't think the T-H Law is dangerous: "Let's have a few winters of unemployment, and you'll find out about the Taft-Hartley Law."

4-The coming merger of AFL and CIO, the point being made that the merger is not an end in itself, but "simply a better instrumentality" to achieve the purposes of labor; and the comment on the contention of some that the merged federation would constitute a great political machine: "Well, it's going to be a political machine if I have anything to do with it."

### A FEW GROANS

The playing of the record lasted about 40 minutes. Toward the end, when Meany was heard saying, "Let's have a few more Governor Knights," subdued groans and sighs were heard from some of the delegates, and at the conclusion President John F. Quinn asked if there were any comments.

Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, took the floor, referred to Meany having said that we must make democracy work, and said that the trial in Mississippi of two white men accused of murdering a Negro lad was a test case for democracy.

When Lumsden finished, President Quinn said that some of Lumsden's remarks might have been thought by some of the delegates to get a little far away from the subject of Meany's address, but that the chair had allowed some latitude, feeling that it's a good thing for the delegates to hear some discussion of subjects that don't usually come up, but which are very important for all of us.

## Printers Looking Forward to Fresno And Oakland Meets

Members of Typographical 36 are interested in a Fresno meeting the weekend of October 1 and 2, and a gala affair in Oakland Sunday, October 9, says Secretary John W. Austin.

In conjunction with the meetings of the California Conference of Typographical Unions, the California Allied Printing Trades Conference will meet in Fresno the week-end of October 1 and 2.

All members of the ITU are invited to attend the Conference sessions which will be held at the Fresno Hacienda, located just a few miles north of the city.

One 60-year, four 50-year and four 40-year members will be presented with membership emblems at a buffet dinner-dance sponsored by Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, on Sunday, October 9. Arrangements have been completed for the affair which will be held at the Colombo Hall, 5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

### LONG TIME MEMBERS

Those members who will receive membership emblems are: 40-year — Chester H. Brannham, Arthur W. Brown, Leo C. Grosse, and Paul Pickruhl; 50-year — John Coc, Charles Cole, Henry Damon and Harry Gray; 60-year — S. P. "Jack" Woolen.

Immediately following the presentation of the emblems to the honored guests, will be a buffet dinner.

ITU Secretary Don Hurd has advised that he will be present at the affair, as well as a number of civic leaders in this area, and employers in the industry.

Admission to the affair is \$2.50 for local members. This includes a full course dinner, show and dancing.

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negotiating with the Associated General Contractors for 46 counties; the essential thing on the 7-hour day is for all unions to get on the one path and stick to it; it may mean at least temporary loss of some pay for some unions, but most members would be glad to make the sacrifice to get shorter hours; carpenters, for example, would give up many thousands of dollars in health and welfare payments.

Charles Bethel, Hayward Painters 1178, said there are various clauses in various contracts, but there should be strict adherence to the main issue of the 7-hour day.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said the holiday issue should be kept clearly separate from the 7-hour day; that possibly a committee could be set up on holidays.

CHURCH WORK

Childers said that it had been agreed by the Board of Business Agents that union craftsmen who are members of churches and wished to donate work to their church should get a permit from their union, and should refrain from doing any work for the church outside of their own craft's jurisdiction.

The matter was discussed by Bartolini, Vandenhoogen, Roe,

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## HOW TO BUY

### What You Pay For in Groceries

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The notion, some families have that you always get what you pay for, and that if you pay more you get better quality, is pretty much destroyed by a recent survey by the University of Illinois Bureau of Economic and Business Research. The survey showed that supermarket private brands are less expensive for the same quality than the nationally-advised brands, sold in the same stores.

In some cases, the survey found, there was only a penny or two difference between the markets' own brands and the advertised brands. But in other cases, there was 7 or 8 cents difference in the price.

In fact, in several instances the advertised brands were found to be 50 percent more expensive for the same item. For example, in one Illinois town, advertised brands of canned beans were found to be selling at an average price of 27.5 cents, while chain stores' own brands averaged 19 cents. In another city, the private-brand canned peas carried an average price tag of 14 cents, compared to 21 for the advertised brands.

Nor can the differences in price be attributed to differences in quality. The bureau making the survey had the quality of the commodities tested, and compared prices on the basis of comparable quality.

In all, chain stores' own brands cost on the average 11 percent less than the advertised brands. Out of 31 price comparisons, the stores' own brands were lower in 26, the same in two and higher in three instances. An important reason for the price disparity is the chains' policy of featuring their own brands at low prices, of using them for leaders, as it were.

The survey was made in seven Illinois towns, but the results can be considered applicable to other parts of the country, as other surveys have indicated. What the Illinois survey does do for us, is to spell out the sizeable difference in price of private and nationally-advised canned foods of the same or similar quality.

Nor is the customer always right in deciding what brands of canned foods to buy. In fact, she is more often wrong. The Illinois study points out that most customers seem to believe that advertised brands are superior quality, and that over three-fourths of the families bought by brand name.

Judging from this survey, the most noticeable price difference between private and nationally-advised brands of foods, is on canned beans and peas. Private brands of these items, on the other hand, also generally offer sizable savings over the cost of the advertised brands of these products. In canned pineapple, the differences in price between private and advertised brands was found to be small, although here, too, the private brands were most often slightly cheaper.

### Compromised Housing Bill Is Now the Law

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—President Eisenhower signed into law the compromise housing bill passed by Congress, noting that "very important and desirable provisions" weighed heavily enough to offset his other objections to the measure.

The bill extends various housing programs and calls for 45,000 public housing units in the next year. The bill was passed in the closing hours of the first session of the 84th Congress after the Senate passed a 135-0-unit-a-year measure and the House had voted a housing bill stripped of all public housing provisions.

ALBERT J. HAYES, president of the International Association of Machinists, and Dave Beck, president of the Teamsters, signed a memorandum of understanding regarding workers in the automotive repair industry.

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### Making Ends Meet

#### Working Wives

The food editor of a national family magazine described the 10,000,000 working wives in the United States today as "a better planner than the full-time homemaker," who "spends less time on food shopping because she plans ahead."

Miss Grace M. White of New York, food editor of Family Circle Magazine, told 250 home-making experts from throughout the nation at the American Gas Association's home service workshop in New York that the average working wife was "not in the recent bride class."

Here is the picture Miss White painted of the average working wife:

She has been married for twelve years, worked for six; her husband is in the mid-30s; a few years older than she is; they have one 10-year-old child; she does as much housework as her stay-at-home sister does but at different times, and she gets a little, but not much, additional help from her husband.

Finally, said Miss White, the working wife takes advantage of the new kitchen products for quick meal preparation.

### Screen Actors Win New Pact With TV

HOLLYWOOD (AFL News)—The AFL Screen Actors Guild won a new contract with more than 200 television film producers establishing the principle that actors shall be paid a percentage of their regular pay when a film is rerun.

Guid members ratified the new agreement running to July, 1960 ending a 12-day strike that halted nearly all TV film production.

The new contract provides that film producers will pay actors "not less than 35 percent" of established salary minimums for the second run of the film. The producers' refusal to recognize this principle precipitated the strike.

EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION is showing a "strong tendency to whittle away" the foundations of the Nation's social programs, Nelson H. Cruikshank, Director of AFL Social Insurance Activities, charges.



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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

WHY ARE SO MANY American women, who "have everything" so unhappy and dissatisfied with their lot?

The authors of "The Challenge of Being a Woman," Helen Sherman and Marjorie Coe, answer this question by saying that the woman of today does not have "the security of a fixed pattern of living."

These authors maintain that the status of women is in a state of transition, and every woman is faced with a great number of choices as to how she wants to spend her life.

A time of opportunity would seem to be a good time. But it seems that making a choice, making a decision, is one of the most difficult things we ever have to do in life.

Grandma worked hard and had little. But she knew where she was going to live and what she was going to do almost from the beginning of her adult life. It gave her a feeling of security.

Today's woman, say these authors, is torn not only about what she wants to do—work or marry or combine the two—but about what her real goals in life are.

As they say "she cannot also work for an advanced degree, serve on a couple of committees, make her own slip-covers and go bowling twice a week."

But women are not the only ones who are bewildered and confused by modern life. Men, too, suffer from this same modern disease.

The only difference is that it seems to be more in the nature of men, or in their training, to specialize, while women, whether housewives or not, are expected to do a great many different things, and do them well.

The great changes in our ways of living have brought unheard of problems. A little more careful thought on the subject by educators might help many to see their problems more clearly, and thus avoid some of the worst confusions.

### News About Women

#### More Widows

The rapid increase in the number of widows in the United States has become an important economic problem. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company recently revealed there are now 7,400,000 widows in the United States.

The interesting part of this condition is the fact that there were only 5,700,000 widows in 1940 and fewer than 4,000,000 twenty years earlier.

Since 1920 the number of widows has increased by ninety percent, while the number of adult females has increased only sixty-three percent. Widows are so commonplace today that one woman in four, between the ages of 55 and 64, is already a widow.

It is true that the mortality rate in the nation has been reduced and this reduction is reflected in lower percentage figures for widows, as compared to the total population. However, the number of widows is rising at such a pace as to be an important factor for economists and manufacturers to take into consideration.

### More Liberals Needed In Congress, Says AFL

CHICAGO (AFL News)—The AFL Executive Council called for an intensive political action campaign by the union labor movement in 1956 to correct the "generally disappointing" record of Congress and the state legislatures this year.

The lack of strong liberal majorities brought a virtual stalemate on key issues and prevented enactment of a clear-cut, progressive program on a national level, the Council declared, adding:

"Only by a far more intensive campaign of political education and organization can labor hope to swing the balance of power to the side of progress and social justice. This must be one of the major objectives of the united labor movement in 1956."

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## People's Worldite Answers Journal About Reporting

East Bay Labor Journal in its July 1 issue published a story under the heading, "People's World Forced to Cut Costs; New News Policy to Allure Labor." It gave an account of the Red sheet moving into cheaper headquarters and going in for a more economical press.

East Bay Labor Journal went on to report that "the pro-Communist paper in its effort to get readership among labor union people has been running news accounts which are much less Red-slanted than formerly," and mentioned in this connection the reporting of the Legislature by Steve Murdock.

East Bay Labor Journal added that doubtless "the more objective coverage of news is part of the current Commie line of trying to work back into the confidence of AFL and CIO members."

In its August 3 issue the People's World contained the following by Steve Murdock:

"The East Bay Labor Journal, official AFL organ in Alameda County, noted recently (July 1 issue) that this reporter 'used standard research and reportorial methods' in covering the state legislature.

"The Labor Journal professed to see in this some sort of a swing toward 'more objective coverage of news' on the part of The Daily People's World.

"Actually, of course, your reporter has never used any other research or reportorial methods—either while working for this paper or during an earlier sojourn in the commercial press."

If editorial comment by East Bay Labor Journal were made it might run along this line:

1—That one thing People's World never mentions is the fact that this country is so addicted to freedom of the press that People's World throughout the cold war has been permitted to publish regularly, although it regularly ran the full line of Moscow propaganda; and that Moscow never permitted anti-Kremlin papers.

2—That it is a continual source of surprise to students of the labor movement that the powerful organized labor movement on the Pacific Coast has never been able to do what the pro-Communists have done—publish a daily paper year after year utilizing the skills of such competent reporters as Steve Murdock admittedly is. Apparently the Pacific Coast labor movement relies upon dailies like Oakland Tribune, S. F. Examiner, and L. A. Times to report labor events for it, thus giving such a sheet as the People's World a chance to horn in and mislead some labor people.

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## FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

**SCHOOL HAS STARTED**  
again, like a gigantic factory into which are fed the possibilities in our youngsters to be developed and made into actualities.

It's too bad to think how many youngsters have failed to start to resume study in high schools this year. The Machinists weekly puts it very well:

"Seems a pity, but more than a million American kids are making the mistake of their lives, a mistake they'll have to live with from here on in. They're passing up the chance to finish out high school."

**ONE YOUNG MAN** or woman in every 8 between the ages of 14 and 17 who should be going back to high school isn't bothering.

The Machinist calls attention to the fact that those without high school education are debarred from becoming apprentices in many lines:

"More than 90% of all joint, union-management agreements require a high school education as a prerequisite for apprenticeship."

**A HAND TRUCKER**, and that's not one of the highly skilled craftsmen, either, "today must be able to interpret charts to see where supplies are needed." That is emphasized by the President's National Manpower Council in stressing the need for education for all workers.

Any woman who has youngsters in the family who think that high school isn't important will be doing them a great favor if she gets them over that dangerous notion.

### Child-rearing

#### Teen-Agers

The long-faced teen-ager who wants friends but has a hard time making or holding them constitutes a problem in many a household.

Dr. Paul H. Landis of the State College of Washington offers pointers for popularity to such youngsters in his book, "Your Dating Days." When forlorn looks are in evidence, parents might find Dr. Landis' recommendations a handy outline for a discussion with the malcontent.

Accept yourself for what you are. Dr. Landis advises young people, and then be yourself. Set your own standards and stick to them. Be friendly. It's easier to be spiteful or glum, but a friendly attitude is more likely to attract others. Accept your companions as they are. Avoid harping on their shortcomings and they'll be less likely to pick on yours.

Have an interest in things outside yourself. Cultivate cheerfulness and optimism as a habit of life. Face and solve problems rather than live with them. If you can't find a solution yourself, seek help, but don't sink into the habit of dependency and self-pity.

**FARM INCOME** continued to decline according to an Agriculture Department report showing that net farm income dropped slightly more than 4 percent during the first half of this year.

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## From Labor Day to Labor Day: Lively Story of Local Unions

(Continued from Last Week)  
JULY 15, 1955

"Big Employers Start Lockout War on Cleaners 23," said the top headline on this paper. Russell Crowell, secretary, said that the bigger shops under the leadership of J. Hunter Clark, were trying to misrepresent the union leaders to the membership, and were playing a game of bluff that might be a long one.

The cards were down, and the big employers could be sure they had a scrap on their hands. "Hiya Commish!" is greeting now to Frank A. DeMartini, secretary, Teamsters 70, this paper said on the front page. DeMartini having been appointed to the Oakland Civil Service Commission, from which Cy Stulting, also of Teamsters 70, was retiring at the end of his term of office.

Employers at both ends of the county were considering agreements tentatively worked out by their negotiators with the culinary unions.

Governor Knight by pocket veto killed the reservoir fishing bill in which organized labor was interested.

Congressman Clair Engle asked that a representative of the AFL in this county share in planning the arrangements for formal dedication of the American River project early next fall.

The following committee was appointed by BTC President J. S. Miller to confer with a CLC committee on a proposed organization to correct abuses by physicians and hospitals felt by labor to have arisen in connection with the operation of health and welfare plans: Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36; Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal 216; Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290; Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127; BTC Representative J. L. Childers.

Bea Slettum, Culinary Alliance 31, was elected to the CLC Investigating Committee to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36.

JULY 22, 1955  
BTC delegates renominated all officers without opposition and since that was the only night nominations could be made, this meant that they were all in office for another 3-year term: President J. S. (Blackie) Miller, Painters 127; Vice President Joe Pruss, Sheet Metal 216; Secretary John Davy, Steamfitters 342; Business Representative J. L. Childers, Plasterers 112; Sergeant-at-arms Ted Stevens, Laborers 304.

Mrs. Diamond Renquist was appointed secretary-treasurer of Packing House Employees 629, succeeding the late George Nelson, who passed away suddenly some weeks before.

Hundreds attended the Machinists' open house at their new building, 701 13th street, Oakland.

"Cleaners Win Pact as Big Lockout Collapses" was the headline. Russ Crowell, business representative, Cleaners 23, said the most painful thing about the attempted destruction of the progress of the union was the effort made by some of the big companies to undermine the

Eight East Bay hospitals signed with Hospital Workers 250, it was announced by John K. Robinson, an East Bay business agent for the union. A wage advance was provided for.

Ray Cirimelli, president, Milk Drivers 302, won a place on the executive committee of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

V. A. Wise, Government Employees 1533, announced that the American Federation of Government Employees had canceled its reservations for its convention in Miami, because of the attitude of the Miami hotel owners toward labor, as shown in the current strike there.

It was announced that the name of the merged federations will be: American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations, or, AFL-CIO.

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## Theater Union in Retro Pay Demand

By JOE CONNELLY

Several weeks ago we cautioned the membership through the medium of this column to ignore rumors relative to the wage negotiations being conducted between this organization and the committee representing the employers.

Although we especially referred at that time to the general rumor that persists during the course of all negotiations that one local has signed while others have not. Apparently we were successful in combatting that erroneous impression. However a new one has sprung up.

The rumor mongers claim that we have released the employers from their agreement relative to retroactive pay. We have not.

The first order of business when we and the other local union representatives sat down at the bargaining table was to reach an understanding that any agreement arrived at would be retroactive to March 1, 1955.

The employers have attempted to sway us from this position, when the negotiations became prolonged through no fault of the unions involved. At one time we patiently waited through cancelled meetings for a period of fourteen weeks. The employer committee claims while it was not our fault it wasn't theirs either as they were negotiating with another local in an allied field.

During that 98 days of waiting it is unreasonable to assume that some meetings couldn't have been held covering portions of our proposed agreement. Therefore at our last meeting with the employer committee Locals B-18, B-66 and B-82 refused to budge from their stand on retroactive pay.

Up and down the aisle . . . A card from former member George Rantz announcing that he is now associated with Lorin E. Abbott and that they are doing business under the name of Abbott-Mulone-Rantz . . . Financial Secretary Taylor reminding us that dues for the new quarter become delinquent the 10th of October.

## Ruth Tutt Didn't Skip Liechenstein or Even San Marino On Her Trip

Ruth Tutt, with the office of Milk Drivers 302, and active in Office Employees 29, is back from a 3-month tour of Europe.

Asked how many countries she had visited, she replied: "Seventeen, but in order to make it sound so big I'm including Liechenstein (62 sq. mi., pop. 11,218) and San Marino (23 sq. mi., pop. 14,000). But the other 15 countries really were pretty big."

East Bay Labor Journal intends to ask Miss Tutt for an interview about how she found conditions in some of those countries, not ignoring of course the principality of Liechenstein and the republic of San Marino.

## San Diego Labor Paper Just Shuts Down Shop For a 3-Week Vacation

The San Diego Labor Leader, official publication of the San Diego Central Labor Council, ran on the first page of its September 8 issue the following announcement:

Subscribers and advertisers are warned not to look for the Labor Leader for the next three weeks. By order of the Board of Administration, which governs the affairs of the Labor Leader, the paper will suspend publication for three weeks, the same as last year, to permit employees to have their annual vacation.

This will be the last issue of the Labor Leader until Thursday, October 6. Contributors to "Squibs" columns are asked to hold their offerings until the first week in October. The staff of the Labor Leader says "so long" until October 6.

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## Watchmakers Busy In the East Bay

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

At this writing there is much outside activity.

We are attempting to get the Watch Repair Department of one of the large markets in the East Bay area to become union. We are working on a wage and hour problem in a retail store in San Jose. We have had a problem arise with a Discount House down the peninsula which we are working on to get straightened out.

We will advise you on the aforementioned matters in detail at a later date.

## Civic Unity Group Enumerates Fed's Anti-Bias Actions

California Federation for Civic Unity

Striking hard at religious and racial prejudice as forces undermining American democracy and threatening the life of organized labor, the California State Federation of Labor, at its recent 53rd convention in San Diego, adopted strong resolutions aimed at safeguarding the rights of all Americans regardless of race, religion, color or national origin.

In this field, the convention's action was more far-reaching and thorough than that of any previous conclave. Summarized, here is what was accomplished:

Resolution urging all affiliated unions to negotiate, if possible, in existing contracts and to negotiate in future contracts a clause prohibiting discrimination in hiring because of race, color, religion or national origin.

Statement of policy that the Federation, while reaffirming its support for national FEPC legislation with enforcement powers, will continue to work cooperatively with the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices for the enactment of such legislation on the state level.

Resolution commending the Jewish Labor Committee for its accomplishments and urging "all affiliated councils and unions to give this institution of the labor movement cooperation and support in the fulfillment of its objectives."

Opposed by resolution any form of discrimination in public housing.

Resolution calling upon "the Board of Fire Commissioners (of Los Angeles) to direct the prompt and expeditious implementation of the policy of eliminating discrimination and segregation in the Fire Department."

## Group That Jane Addams Founded Meets at Mills

Mrs. Helen Tychinin, social-studies teacher at Elmhurst Junior High, a member of the American Federation of Teachers, attended as a delegate from the Berkeley branch, the 40th anniversary convention of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, held in July at Mills College, at which one of the outstanding addresses was that given by Kathleen Norris, California author.

The W.I.L.P.F. was founded in 1915 by Jane Addams. Both International Chairman of the League, Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch, were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize—the only American women who have ever been so honored. The League is one of the 70 non-governmental organizations with consultative status in the United Nations.

WASHINGTON became the AFL headquarters city in 1897. The first AFL Washington offices were three rooms in a building at 700 - 14th street, N.W., at the corner of G street. That building no longer stands. The corner site is occupied by an eight story office building, with a bank at street level.

PRESSMEN'S UNIONS with job shop jurisdiction in 10 Western States will hold a conference in Oakland October 29, with a dinner dance at Hotel Claremont and awarding of 50-year pins to some members.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Attention! Members Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

With regret we report the passing away of two members of Local No. 216, Audrie Nicholas who passed away on September 6 and William Mitchell on September 15.

Brother Mitchell was well known by a great many sheet metal workers due to the position he held as foreman of Atlas Heating and Ventilating Company for many years. Mitchell was a member of the Death Plan. Nicholas did not participate in the Plan. Both were eligible in the Welfare Plan.

Recently when a member of Local 216 passed away funds were urgently needed by the deceased's dependent on the day of his death. We were able to get the coroner's certification by noon and had the check available for the member's wife by 1:00 p.m. Members are reminded that if there has been a change in their beneficiary to notify this office so that necessary forms may be filled out.

Fraternally yours,  
LEOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 next meeting will be the fourth Friday in September on the 23rd.

Fraternally yours,  
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Plasterers 112

IMPORTANT: To All Members of Local 112: The business agent was instructed at the meeting August 18 to remove all men from the job who are 3 months or over in arrears on dues. So you can see, brothers, the business agent has no alternative, as he must act under a clear order from the local.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE WHITTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Hayward Painters 1178

Comes the next regular meeting of this Local on Friday, October 7. A real point of interest at this meeting will be the selection of a date for our Christmas Party. We have the choice of Friday, December 16 or Friday the 23rd. Come out and choose the date.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Alameda County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, October 1, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 2 p.m. The executive board will meet at 12:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary AN 1-9587

## Childers to Speak Pension Democrats In Success Series Organizing Units

"Can Success Be Planned?" will be discussed by Building Trades Council Business Representative J. L. Childers and Joseph A. Gilbert, manager of sales promotion and public relations A. D. for Moose Business Forms on September 27.

The meeting, under the sponsorship of the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium Theater. It is one of a series of "Patterns for Success."

Those attending may see the Northern California Electrical Show, admittance to which is included in the price of the series ticket.

**CALIFORNIA FACTORIES** employed more workers in August than at any time since World War II. Ernest B. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations announced, manufacturing employment rose to 1,157,600 wage and salary workers in August.

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## Vote for the Hayward School Bonds Oct. 11 Urged by BTC

(Continued from Page 1)  
and by C. E. Risley of Carpenters 36.

### GIFTS PRESENTED

Portable radios were presented by President Miller on behalf of the council to men who had served long as officers of the council and had now retired from such positions. The recipients were Joe Souza, Clerks & Lumber handlers 939; William Vandenhoozen, Bricklayers 8; and J. C. Reynolds, Lathers 88. Bob Quinn, Sheet Metal 216, is also to receive a gift.

Miller said that Quinn had served as an officer 22 years, Souza some 9 years, and Vandenhoozen and Reynolds for years.

Trustee Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166, had read a report of the trustees citing the appropriateness of making the gifts.

### POLITICAL NEEDS

W. N. Wheeler, Carpenters 36, called attention to the urgency of getting into every union's office and into the hands of members the subscription books for Labor's League for Political Education. Chester Bartolini and C. E. Risley of the same union discussed the matter further, and Bartolini said that contributions were not coming in for LLPE as fast as they should, all unionists must realize that all benefits won on the economic field could be lost on the legislative, and labor should not wait until things got too tough to make its stand.

### HOD CARRIERS' CONTRACT

A copy of Hod Carriers 166 new agreement was presented to the council by Abel Silva, and approved. A one-year contract, it provides for hourly pay of \$2.85 for a 5-day 8-hour week; with hourly pay of \$3.25 if hours are cut to 7; and of \$3.30 if hours are cut to 6.

### UC MEETING

The delegates voted to call a meeting of all building trades craftsmen employed at UC to get full information on the proposed integration of social security and the State retirement system.

Childers said that Congressman George P. Miller is making arrangements to have a representative of the Social Security Agency present to give complete answers to all questions which have been raised.

### DEMOCRATIC DINNER

Charles Roe thanked the council for sending him to the recent \$100 Democratic fund raising dinner. He said that Governor George Leader of Pennsylvania, the principal speaker, has the wit of Steven-son and the give-them-hell of Truman, and that he hopes to live long enough to see the rise of Leader in the political world.

### TEAMSTERS' SAFETY

BTC Secretary John Davy and Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, discussed the Green Cross safety drive in which the Teamsters are deeply interested. Mulgrew said that if members would take the safety pledge cards, sign them, affix a 2-cent stamp and mail them, he would greatly appreciate it; that many prizes are being awarded in the drive.

### OPERATING ENGINEERS

Harold Huston was seated as a delegate from Engineers 3.

### CROWN GLASS CO.

The council endorsed a letter from the Contra Costa County BTC which that organization had sent to Donald Thevenot, owner and operator of the Crown Glass Co. of San Pablo.

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## Teachers Union to Get an Even Break

By HELEN TYCHININ

Press Correspondent  
Oakland Teachers Federation

The Oakland Board of Education passed a motion requesting principals to state the administrative policy on membership in teachers' organizations to their teachers at the first faculty meeting of the term.

This policy reads, "Membership in teachers' organizations is recommended as a professional responsibility. The choice of teacher's organizations is a voluntary matter for each teacher to decide. Equal courtesies on an impartial basis shall be extended by the staff to all teacher organizations."

This decision came after Ralph Steinhaus, President of the Oakland Federation of Teachers had written a letter to the Board of Education pointing out that teachers needed the assurances given in the policy on the local school level.

Mr. Berg indicated that he thought that it was sufficient for him to remind the principals' meeting that this policy existed but President Steinhaus pointed out to the board that when a principal abstains from mentioning the policy and then subsequently sits in on the company union meetings this constitutes discriminatory behavior against the teachers union. The action of the Board of Education indicated that there was an understanding on the board's part that unethical practices should not be indulged in by school administrators regarding membership in teachers' organizations.

## Alameda Demo League to Have Picnic October 2

The Alameda Democratic League is planning their annual picnic for Sunday, October 2, 1955 at Diamond Park (1 block no. of MacArthur Blvd., and Diamond Ave.).

Newton Elder, chairman of the picnic committee announces that coffee and refreshments will be available, but each one is asked to bring a lunch.

There will be games, prizes, and races.  
Children under twelve are admitted free while tickets for adults are 50 cents. Ask Newton Elder at Lakehurst 2-0935 for your ticket.

### NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

series was announced by the Christian Science church. The series title is "How Christian Science Heals." It is on Sundays on station KOVR, channel 13, 7:30 p.m.

## Kohler Strikers Appeal To BTC; St. Louis AFL Paper Gives Background

At the September 13 meeting of the Building Trades Council Secretary John Davy read a communication on the Kohler strike, appealing for aid in publicizing the firms which distribute Kohler plumbing supplies in California. The following editorial, from the September 8 issue of the St. Louis Tribune, the official AFL paper in that city, throws light on Kohler strike:

Since April 5, 1954 the workers at the Kohler plumbing ware firm at Kohler, Wisconsin have been on strike for standard contract provisions: arbitration, seniority, pensions, insurance, union security and equitable wages.

The Kohler plant is located in the company town of Kohler, four miles west of Sheboygan. It broke a strike conducted by the AFL in 1934. Then company police killed two and wounded 47. The militia was called in to protect the strikers and disarmed company gunmen. A company union was formed—but by 1952 conditions became too bad even for a company union, and it affiliated with the UAW-CIO in an effort to obtain justice. A strike was finally called April 5, 1954, after the first contract ended and management refused to negotiate a new one.

In the present Kohler strike, the company once again had stocked up on tear gas, clubs and the Kohler police have three machine guns illegally. Scabs are being recruited from far and wide while a Wisconsin "Little Taft-Hartley" injunction limits picketing. Despite all this pressure—and the company's refusal to negotiate—the Kohler strikers are still holding firm, determined to win justice.

You can help! Consider this a call to battle—because Kohler is challenging all labor, and even now the Kohler union-busting formula is being tried out in other strikes. Support the legal boycott of Kohler ware. Don't buy Kohler products—get your union to exert influence so that no Kohler products are purchased for churches and schools in your community—until the strike is honorably settled. When Local 833 wins the Kohler strike—you, too, will be the winner.

SEN WAYNE MORSE (D., Ore.) called on Welfare Secretary Folsom and Surgeon General Scheele for a full explanation of the Government's investigation of the Cutter Laboratories production of Salk polio vaccine.

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## OPINIONS

### HAD ENOUGH!

Editor, Labor Journal:

"Don't you like Ike?" they asked me in 1952. "Yes, I like Ike, but I've read 'The Rise of American Civilization.' If I had a billion dollars I'd be smart to vote Republican, but I haven't so I won't vote for Ike."

My fine old Civil War soldier grandfather, who helped organize the new and berated Republican party in 1856 never realized to his dying day that the greatest infiltration tactic in American history was to pervert that political organization and fool working class Americans right down to the present day.

This deal was decided at the last convention of the Whigs, formerly the Tories, the party of the great bankers and industrialists of New England and New York. According to the Beards one of the banker leaders declared:

"We'll never win an election. There just aren't enough of us in spots. The thing for us to do is go in through the back door and take over this new Republican party that's demanding free homesteads and freed slaves."

And they did, pouring money into the Republican campaign fund and carefully keeping popular symbols and slogans. Sure, there was the man in overalls with the paper cap. Give him "a full dinner pail" and a few elections later the men in spats paid for spreads and speeches calling for "a chicken in every pot." And the glib goops elected Harding and Hoovers who carved up the commonwealth in timberlands and oil and minerals and handed it to the ex-Whigs. General Grant was as naive as General Eisenhower in doing everything the corporations asked. Enough is enough is enough!

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### LET'S WAIT!

Democratic Digest quotes these with glee:

Sen. Lehman's proposal to build a Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial in Washington to rank alongside those to Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson is premature, to say the least. . . . Fast as is the age in which we live, it still takes time to assess the true greatness of any national leader.—Dallas News, June 1.

Pres. Eisenhower and former Pres. Hoover have joined to ask Congress to accept a most fitting memorial to the late Sen. Taft. It is a \$1 million bell tower and carillon, to be placed on the grounds of the Capitol. . . . Congress should respond to both by accepting it promptly.—Dallas News, June 26.

### INTERIOR

Denver Post, which supported Eisenhower for the Presidency, in a recent editorial called for the resignation of Douglas McKay as Secretary of the Interior, saying:

"The people of the U. S. need a Secretary of the Interior who will act boldly in the demonstrated public interest—one who will not retreat behind the famous double-talk 'Socialism,' the preeminence by local interests or the frightfully abused phrase 'free private enterprise.'"

### ALL IS VANITY!

If women ever really had more vanity than men, the difference is fast disappearing, according to a nation-wide survey reported in the Wall Street Journal. It found that more and more men are spending more and more money to make themselves look handsome and younger. Some are even going in for corsets. — Labor, Railmen's Weekly.

## EDITORIALS

### Oaks' Leaving Points Up Why Automation Worries Labor

Many labor people, along with citizens in other walks of life, feel disconcerted about the Oaks becoming something else again about a thousand miles from here. Whether in their reincarnation they are to be called the Vans or something else, they surely won't be our own Oaks any more.

Brick Laws told the Vancouver citizenry in his speech announcing the transfer to Canada:

"You have the population, the enthusiasm, and the dough—that's the main thing."

The East Bay area certainly has the population. As for the dough and the enthusiasm, Laws has a right to be a bit doubtful about that. As he told the Vancouver City Council:

"The team took falling attendance for 5 years—then it killed us."

It remains to be seen whether Vancouver can sufficiently back the transplanted Oaks. The professional baseball team Vancouver had formerly was lost as recently as 1954 when the Western International League folded at the end of the 1953-54 season. It isn't just the Oaks, it's the whole future of minor league baseball, and major, too, so far as that's concerned, which has many guessing.

George Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, told sports writers in San Francisco the other day:

"You can't put a superior product in the same market with an inferior one and be successful in selling the latter while giving the other away."

In other words, fans can sit at home and watch the majors on teevee for nothing, so how can you persuade them to drive down to a minor league ball park through heavy traffic and pay out good money?

The answer to this question is one that able men are struggling to work out. They are grappling with that monster, sometimes affable, often menacing, called Progress: new inventions scrapping old methods.

When great corporation heads sitting on the top of the heap tell labor people that it is foolish for us to worry about what automation may do to us, because in the long run automation means more prosperity for all, the death of the Oaks is one thing to bear in mind.

For while the advent of teevee, the enormous increase of automobiles and consequent difficulty of getting to a ball game or of parking there after you get there,—while these are signs of Progress, and it may turn out that baseball will ultimately have more followers than ever, the painful present fact is that baseball is having a tough time. Labor has good reason for feeling that it will be the same way about automation: it's wonderful, it's Progress, but it's also going to involve a lot of grief for the labor force, and our unions need to, and are, bracing for the struggle.

### 2 Labor Men Won in Bay City Vote

After the famous San Francisco "fire" an article which attained wide circulation was entitled "The City That Was." "Bay City" which was voted down last week might be called "The City That Never Was." But the election in which that dream city was voted down was important for organized labor just the same. For the two labor men backed by labor for membership on the City Council, if the city had come to birth, got elected.

There were 7 candidates for the 5 places on the hypothetical City Council, and the 2 that failed to make it were Workers 750, was one of labor's successful candidates; and the other was William O. Hurtado, member of Electrical Workers 595.

When we say that labor backed these successful candidates, we are referring, of course, to the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL. Andre LaRoche, of Painters 127, secretary of the Southern County League, has recently spoken before both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council. He has told the delegates about the good work the League is doing, and the success of Oliveira and Hurtado demonstrates the truth of his story.

But Brother LaRoche has also told how the League in the southern end of the county raises a large part of the money for its year's work. It is through a whist party. Tickets for this party, at 50 cents a ticket, are being mailed to all the unions in the county. Any unionist buying these tickets can be sure he is helping a worthy cause.

The southern end of the county is increasingly important. The population is growing fast. It's up to organized labor to get in on the ground floor politically in that end of the county, and help to shape the destiny of the area. Help extended to the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL, is help extended to the advancement of all organized labor throughout the county.

### Semiskilled Workers Increasing

The percentage of unskilled workers in the United States is declining. But the shift is not so much to skilled crafts as it is to the semiskilled lines of work.

This fact is brought out by a survey the Twentieth Century Fund has recently completed.

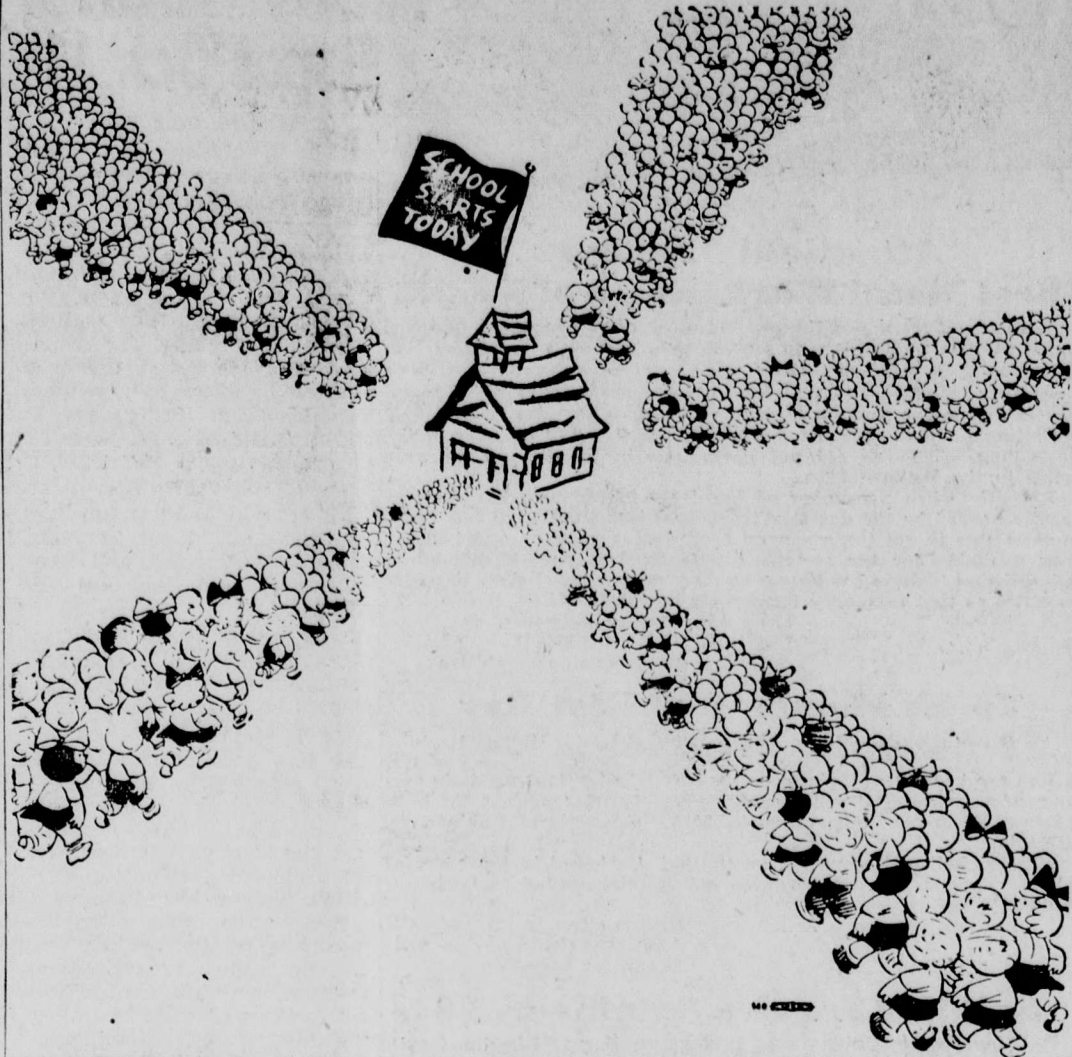
Between 1940 and 1940 the unskilled dropped from 36% to 26%; the semiskilled climbed from 15% to 21%; and the skilled stood still at 11.7%.

These trends are continuing, according to those making the survey.

Some unions have had to make considerable adjustments in order to meet this changing situation, as many of us know without having to conduct a formal survey. To cite only two cases, those of the Electricians and the Machinists, they have had to make provision for "production workers," alongside of the old-line craftsmen of high skill. Much thought and organizing ability has had to be applied to this problem.

When the big merger comes at the end of this year, the curtain will rise on additional acts in this drama.

### Dead End



**CHEATED CHILDREN.** The new school year is already under way, but this cartoon will remain true throughout the year. As Helen Tychinin of the Oakland Teachers Federation wrote in the September 16 issue of East Bay Labor Journal: "Overcrowded classrooms, lack of equipment, maintenance deficiencies, continuing use of obsolete and unsafe schools, failure to attract new teachers and all the other ills that go with lack of enough money to support the schools. It is hoped that the situation may eventually be remedied but for some of these children now in our schools it is forever too late. The damage has been done and they have been cheated out of what it is generally agreed upon is a basic right of all American children, an adequate education."

### Carpenter's Paper Thinks Free Press Is 'Passing Out'

One of the very first safeguards of liberty which our Founding Fathers wrote into the Constitution was a provision guaranteeing freedom of the press. That provision has remained intact for 170 years. The Constitution still prohibits Congress from making any law abridging the freedom of the press. However, that which is expressly forbidden Congress by law is being accomplished by monopoly, executive directives and political manipulation. The free press as our forefathers envisioned it—unbiased, honest, and dedicated to the greatest good for the greatest number—is rapidly passing out of the picture. . . .

Advertising carries the bulk of the freight in making newspapers pay. In spite of any protestations to the contrary from editors and owners, the old adage that the guy who pays the piper calls the tune still applies. It is this very thing which has thwarted many efforts on the part of organized labor to start liberal newspapers. As soon as the editorial policies of these liberal papers began reflecting something other than the business point of view, advertising began dropping off. Without adequate advertising, the papers soon got into the red ink. In the end, they had to fold.

For the past several years, "Labor's Daily," a newspaper sponsored by the International Typographical Union, has been doing a good job of reporting labor news truthfully. But it has been doing so without any appreciable amount of advertising. There is something less than a flood of advertisers seeking space in Labor's Daily.—The Carpenter.

### Harry Finks Dinner

An overflow group of about 600 persons from all parts of the state gathered last week in Sacramento at the Senator Hotel for a testimonial dinner in tribute to Harry Finks, State Federation legislative assistant, Federation vice president from District No. 13, and secretary of the Sacramento Labor Council.

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### B. Rumford, J. Cohelan on Panel to Discuss Smog At Meeting on Sept. 29

A Citizens Committee which has been studying the smog problem is sponsoring a public meeting to be held at 7:45 p.m. September 29 in the Berkeley Board of Education building, Rose and Walnut streets, Berkeley.

There will be a panel discussion as part of the meeting, with the following on the panel: Assemblyman Byron Rumford, Berkeley City Councilman Jeffery Cohelan; John A. Maga, chief, Bureau of Air Sanitation, State Department of Public Health; a representative of the Bay Area Council, and a member of the Board of Supervisors. Spurgeon Avakian will be moderator.

Following are members of the Citizens Committee: Curt Aller, Mrs. Philip Ferris, Thomas B. Richardson, Miss Ruth Wilding, Fred Cooper, Mort Colodny, Carolyn Helper, Robert Owens, Mrs. B. E. Witkin, Mrs. Dorothea Greene, D. G. Gibson, Winton McKibben.

### Retirement Checks To ILGWU Members

A retirement program which will cover approximately 1800 Bay Area workers in the garment industry, is now in force, following the awarding of first checks by the San Francisco Coat and Suit Retirement Fund, a joint effort of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the San Francisco Coat and Suit Industry. The retirement fund, which has been in the planning stage since 1951, will cover all members of the industry who are 65 and over who wish to retire. They will receive \$50 monthly regardless of other retirement income.

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### From Labor Day to Labor Day: Lively Story of Local Unions

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This paper remarked in an editorial that the headline writers of the daily press would find some way to shorten so cumbersome a name.

Dave Beck, general president, Teamsters Brotherhood, called a press conference to protest against the comments made on the fact that the union had bought his house and then returned it to him for occupancy with all taxes and service charges paid. Beck said that the same thing had been done for his predecessor, Dan Tobin, by the union.

CLC Assistant Secretary William P. Fee amused the delegates by telling them that one day when Secretary Robert S. Ash was away on vacation things were so quiet in the office, no visitors, no phone calls, that "once I went out on the street, to see if the place was picketed!"

AUGUST 5, 1955

"Paint Makers 1101 Pabco Pact Raises Coast Wage Level" was this paper's headline on the story containing the announcement of Representative Jack Kopke on the agreement of the union with the big company.

Carpenters 1158 of Berkeley awarded 50-year and 25-year pins to a total of 20 members. The pins were presented by President Ralph Henderson.

For the fourth time, this time in a civil action, the Government failed to prove that Harry Bridges is a Communist.

E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55, told the Central Labor Council of the efforts firemen and policemen are making to get improved pay. Pete Cermello, Paint Makers 1101, said that organized labor was with the firemen, but was disturbed by the number of jobs firemen took which belonged to members of other unions.

A hearing ordered by the U. S. Department of Labor, as to whether the State of California is administering jobless insurance in conformity with Federal requirements, commenced in San Francisco.

CLC Assistant Secretary William P. Fee reported that negotiations between Office Employees 29 and the Kaiser Hospital Foundation were reaching a crisis.

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, member of the Oakland Planning Commission, told the Building Trades Council that the proposed motel would bring millions of dollars of business annually into Oakland.

Department Store & Specialty Clerks 1265 and Office Employees 29 asked all union people and the public generally if trading at Capwell's to ask for a union clerk when buying, or a union office worker when paying a bill.

This paper, commenting on the transfer by Governor Knight of William Burkett from the post of State Director of Employment to State Superintendent of Banks, remarked that the move was undoubtedly made to relieve Knight's supporters in the AFL at the State Fed convention soon to open from the embarrassment to defending Knight for backing Burkett.

AUGUST 12, 1955

East Bay labor people were interested in the announcement that Joseph Michael Casey, for many years an AFL organizer in the West, and son of the late Michael Casey of Teamster fame, will run for Supervisor in San Francisco.

W. D. Nicholas, secretary-treasurer, Warehousemen 853, announced the terms of a new agreement with the ready-mix concrete firms.

Iron Workers 378 and its sister local throughout California voted to strike August 16, said Secretary Arnold Pierce of Local 378.

Members of Roofers 81 stayed away from work one day, and got an improved contract, said Business Representative S. A. Summers.

The Central Labor Council endorsed Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones for reelection as vice presidents, State Federation of Labor, but tabled a proposal that Secretary C. J. Haggerty and President Thomas L. Pitts be endorsed for reelection.

The Building Trades Council decided to have Business Representative J. L. Childers fly back from the State Federation of Labor convention in San Diego to be present at the Oakland City Council hearing on the proposal that permits be granted for the construction of motels on Madison street from 14th to 19th street, and especially for a motel at 14th and Oak streets. The CLC voted to have one of its officials at the hearing although the convention would be in session.

"All AFL Roads Lead to San Diego" was the top headline on this paper, referring to the State Federation of Labor convention opening Monday of the next week at San Diego.

The law firm of Smith & Parrish on behalf of the BTC filed an action in Superior Court to collect sick leave pay for craftsmen employed by UC.

Offset Reproduction Artisans 473 started picketing the photographic facsimile shop of Doc Henderson, Secretary Fred Brooks stating the wages paid persons within the jurisdiction of that union were far below the union scale.

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